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Sent: 2/28/2023 7:29:57 PM
To: Fortin, Denise [Fortin.Denise@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Notes from call with WDNR and Superfund site assessment about EPA response to resident's petition to assess JCI/Tyco sites for the NPL because of PFAS (near Marinette, Wis.)

No worries, and very understandable. Your name is Denise.

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From: Fortin, Denise <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>
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Ugh, sorry, I should've realized that. Too much going on with EP, etc!

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Sorry, my message below was to Denise Boone, not Fortin. Then we will share that with OEC so they can work on a desk statement.

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Happy to help, Joan. I'll just note that we're stretched pretty thin in ORA at the moment because of East Palestine.

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Denise,
Can you please work with Nuria to draft a weekly RA report for this PA completion letter to the petitioners - for next week's weekly report. Please let me review it before we forward to Joy for inclusion in next week's report. Thanks.

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Denise,

We will be completing the Preliminary Assessment (PA) Report in response from a PA Petition from citizen by March 15.

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Nuria/Denise – Phillippa just mentioned that SEMD would soon be sending the RA a hot issue on potential inclusion of the JCI/Tyco sites to the NPL.

When it's ready, would you please share that info with this group? We can start working on a desk statement.

Thanks,

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From: Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
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Thanks, Phillippa-very thorough synopsis. I'm looping in Denise and the congressional-intergovernmental team for awareness.

On Feb 24, 2023, at 3:05 PM, Cannon, Phillippa <Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov> wrote:

I believe Allison has been fielding press calls about the issue. WDNR said it has received national media attention from the New York Times and Bloomberg as well as local media.

On March 18, 2022, EPA received a petition from Chuck and Cyndy Boyle of Peshtigo, Wis. Requesting preliminary assessment of two sites near Marinette, Wis. For possible listing on the NPL. EPA is required to respond to these petitions within a year. Nuria Muniz is preparing to send the response by March 18, 2023. We have previously told reporters that we will issue our response by mid-March. If reporters don't follow up directly, it's highly likely that the petitioners will share our letter with media. WDNR would like to receive a few days warning before we send the letter so it can brief the governor and its public affairs office can prepare a statement. EPA will need to be prepared to respond to media inquiries too.

Nuria Muniz said both sites score high for PFAS contamination of surface water. One is already being addressed under corrective action and will remain with RCRA. The next step is a site inspection of the southern property that is likely affecting private drinking water wells. There are still many steps before the site could be proposed to the Superfund list and it's not a slam dunk that it will make the list. Listing a site in the NPL is a multi- year process. It is EPA's policy to require State (governor) concurrence to propose a site in the NPL.

The site owner – Johnson Controls – frequently contacts the Wisconsin governor's office. The governor will likely contact the RA. Johnson Controls' attorney is former Region 5 Administrator Mary Gade.